

Queen's University
Senate Committee on Academic Procedures
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POLICY ON THE DEFINITION OF A FULL-TIME STUDENT

Background

Currently, Queen's University considers students in programs in which registration status is based on course registrations rather than term registrations to be "full-time" when they are registered in at least an 80% course load. Students in programs with term registrations are registered full-time unless permission is received to register part-time (e.g., graduate studies, Medicine).

The Canadian government defines a full-time student as one enrolled in a 60% course load for the purposes of reporting T2202A forms and the Ontario government considers 60% for determining eligibility for financial aid. The University also uses the 60% definition for assessing student activity fees for student societies and for eligibility to participate in varsity athletics. The University uses registration in an 80% course load as the definition of a full-time student when